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SUBJECT: REACTION TO SECRETARY'S VISIT

1. REACTION TO SECRETARY'S BELGRADE VISIT CONTINUES TO BORDER ON THE EUPHORIC, WITH YUGOSLAV OFFICIALS, MEDIA, AND OTHER EMBASSY CONTACTS CHARACTERIZING IT AS OUT-STANDING SUCCESS.

2. ONE OF MOST INTERESTING REACTION IS THAT DESCRIBED BY A YUGOSLAV JOURNALIST WHO ATTENDED THE BRIEFING FOR AN "IN-GROUP" OF YUGOSLAV MEDIA GIVEN BY FSFA DEPSEC LAZAR MOJSOV FOLLOWING THE VISIT. MOJSOV'S STATEMENT AS HE CAME INTO THE ROOM BEAMING WAS "SO MUCH HAS CHANGED", AND HE WENT ON TO DESCRIBE THE VISIT IN MOST GLOWING TERMS. "HE PUT ALL HIS CARDS ON THE TABLE," MOJSOV EXCLAIMED IN DESCRIBING WHAT HE SAID THE YUGOSLAVS FELT TO BE THE FRANKEST AND MOST IMPRESSIVE EXPOSE OF US THINKING THEY HAVE EVER RECEIVED.

3. IN RESPONSE TO A CRITICAL QUESTION ABOUT THE DURATION OF THE VISIT, MOJSOV REPORTEDLY EXPLAINED THAT AT LEAST TWO OTHER TENTATIVE ARRANGMENTS FOR THE SECRETARY TO VISIT YUGOSLAVIA FOR LONGER PERIODS HAD FALLEN THROUGH BECAUSE OF CIRCUMSTANCES BEYOND THE CONTROL OF EITHER SIDE, AND IT WAS MUTUALLY DECIDED THAT THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SECRETARY

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COMING WHEN HE COULD TRANSCENDED CONCERNS ABOUT THE SHORTNESS

OF THE TIME AVAILABLE. MOJOSOV THEN POINTED OUT THE AMOUNT OF WORK WHICH HAD BEEN CROWDED INTO THE TIME AVAILABLE, STRESSING THAT IT EXCEEDED WHAT IS USUALLY ACCOMPLISHED IN MUCH LONGER VISITS (A THEME WHICH WAS ACTIVELY PICKED UP THE THE MEDIA.)

4. SUCH A BENIGN ATTITUDE ON THE PART OF MJOSOV, WHO HAS NOT CULTIVATED A REPUTATION AS ONE OF OUR CHAMPIONS, WAS REMARKED ON BY THE JOURNALIST DESCRIBING THE BRIEFING AT UNUSUAL AND INDICATIVE OF THE DEPT OF IMPRESSION MADE BY THE SECRETARY'S VISIT.MILLER

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